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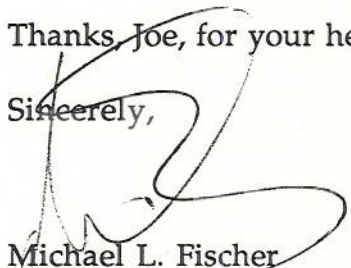
Dear Joe:

As we discussed last week on the phone, I want to let you know that we will recommend exchanging the Chiate/Wildman vertical for the vertical, parking, and lateral easements just upcoast of Paradise Cove at the Coastal Conservancy's March 21, 1996 Board meeting. I wanted to confirm that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will be able to construct, operate and maintain the alternative easements, using funds provided by the Coastal Conservancy.

Before we make a presentation to our Board, there are several tasks we could use the MRCA's assistance. As I mentioned, we will have a local public meeting in early March to solicit public comment on this proposal. We would appreciate your assistance in convening the workshop and the attendance of a staff person from the MRCA to answer questions regarding construction or management of the alternative accessway. Also, we would like to walk the site with our landscape architect and your trail construction experts to finalize the configuration of the parking area and vertical easement. Furthermore, our landscape architect will likely need the assistance of your staff in preparing preliminary designs and cost estimates. If we have cost estimates prepared in time, we will seek Conservancy authorization to grant funds to the MRCA for construction and maintenance at the March 21 meeting. Brenda Buxton will contact Laurie Collins to coordinate these tasks, unless you indicate otherwise.

Thanks, Joe, for your help in opening these accessways to the public.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Fischer
Executive Officer